

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 907**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Burke**

February 26, 2015

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An act to relating to career technical education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 907, as introduced, Burke. Career training: adult students.

Existing law authorizes various career technical education programs, including regional occupational centers and programs, specialized secondary programs, partnership academies, and agricultural career technical education programs.

This bill would make legislative findings regarding education for adult students, and would state the Legislature's support for adult students' access to career training resources, including student financial aid.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) Career training for adults is an important part of workforce
- 4 and economic development in California.
- 5 (b) Many of California's neediest adult students require financial
- 6 aid to support their career training.

1 (c) Historically, those adult students have had access to federal  
2 financial aid under Title IV of the federal Elementary and  
3 Secondary Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq.).

4 (d) Recent revisions in federal regulations governing Title IV  
5 of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (20 U.S.C.  
6 Sec. 6301 et seq.) have eliminated the eligibility for financial aid  
7 for adult students in many of California's career training programs  
8 operated by local educational agencies, even though adults in those  
9 programs have been historically eligible.

10 (e) The Legislature supports:

11 (1) Adult students' access to career training programs that will  
12 improve or expand their job skills and employability.

13 (2) Adult students' access to federal financial aid that may be  
14 used for career training programs and services.

15 (3) Providers of career training programs for adult students, as  
16 those providers work to satisfy federal requirements necessary to  
17 establish federal financial aid eligibility for those adult students.